

ANNAPOLIS, May 27.

Saturday last, his Excellency our Governor prorogued General Assembly, which had sat thirteen Weeks, and the longest Session ever held in the Province.

Following Laws were passed this Session, viz. An Act reviving and continuing an Act entitled, An Act to prevent the Exportation or carrying out of this Province, Ammunition, Warlike Stores, Provisions of any Kind, towards supplying the French or their Allies.

An Act for the Adjournment and Continuance of the Court of the County of Dorchester.

An Act for the Adjournment and Continuance of the Court of the County of Frederick.

An Act for the Adjournment and Continuance of the Court of the County of Queen Anne.

An Act for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereout of the Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same.

An Act for the Continuance of Process in Cecil County March Court, and to cure some Defects that have happened in the Proceedings of the several County Courts of this Province, and for the explaining an Act of Assembly entitled, An Act appointing certain Days on which the several and respective County Courts within this Province are to be held.

An Act to vest certain entailed Lands therein mentioned, in the Female Heirs of Leonard Hollyday, Gentleman, in Fee-Simple.

A Supplementary Act to the Act entitled, An Act empowering the Justices of Worcester County, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of All-hallows Parish, a Sum of Tobacco, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to empower and direct the Clerk of Anne Arundel County Court, to record, among the said County Records, a Deed of Bargain and Sale, from Thomas Larkin, to John Jordan, deceased.

An Act empowering the Justices of Somerset County, to levy, not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, upon the taxable Inhabitants of the said County, for the Use therein mentioned.

An Act for quieting the Differences that have arisen, and may hereafter arise, between the Inhabitants of this Province, and the several Indian Nations, and for punishing Trespasses committed on their Lands.

An Act continuing an Act entitled, An Act directing the Manner of punishing Fornication and Adultery, before a single Justice of the Peace, out of Court.

An Act for the Relief of certain languishing Prisoners in the several County Goals therein mentioned.

A Supplementary Act to the Act entitled, An Act for repairing the public Roads in this Province.

An Act for preventing Indians disaffected to the British Interest in America, from coming into this Province as Spies, or on any other evil Design.

An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Execution of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer.

An Act to empower the Justices of the several County Courts, to make Provision for the late Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, and for regulating their Conduct.

An Act for the Assessment and Payment of the public Charge of this Province.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH at the Prorogation:

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

As you seemed to be persuaded at the Opening of this Session, that a well-armed and well-regulated Militia would, at this Season, be our best Security, and were pleased to tell me, that a proper Law for that Purpose should be one great Object of your Deliberations, I confess I was a little surprized at your sending me such a Message as you did this Morning, before you have performed what you gave me such Room to hope and expect; however, as you have intimated, that by putting an End to this Session, I shall do a Thing not less agreeable to your Wishes, than I did in convening you, I will not press you to take that Affair into Consideration till your next Meeting, but shall content myself at present with recommending it particularly to those Gentlemen of each House, that are Commanders and Officers, to have the Militia, in their respective Counties, duly mustered and exercised, agreeable to our present Laws, which I shall, by Proclamation, order to be strictly put into Execution, till one more perfect and effectual Law can be made, for that Purpose. I hope the Provision that is now made for the Protection of the Inhabitants, will give them some Satisfaction; and though I could wish that a larger Share of the Forty Thousand Pounds, had been appropriated to the immediate Defence of the Frontiers; yet, I hope enough is done to revive the Spirits of the

back Inhabitants, and encourage them at least to remain on their respective Plantations. And, Gentlemen, as you have, in the Supply-Bill, signified an earnest Desire to be convened again in the Winter, I propose to gratify you, unless such a Step should then appear unnecessary, or any extraordinary Occurrence oblige me to put the Country to the Expence of a Session before: In the mean Time, I desire you will, in your several Counties, exert yourselves as becomes worthy Members of the Community, and a Branch of the Legislature, and that by promoting Harmony among the People by your Conversation, and discouraging by your Influence, such Practices as may tend to disquiet the Minds of your Constituents, and to disturb the public Tranquillity, you will endeavour to convince all factious and malevolent Persons, that they cannot be more industrious in contriving Mischief, than we are vigilant and careful to render their wretched Designs abortive.

Gentlemen of both Houses,

In Confidence that you will unanimously act this good Part, and by your Conduct, as private Gentlemen, endeavour to approve yourselves worthy of the Trust reposed in you, I heartily wish you all Happiness and Prosperity, and agreeable to your Desire, I do, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, prorogue this Assembly to the first Monday in January next, to which Day you are to take Notice that you are prorogued accordingly.

Monday the seventh Day of June is appointed for the Election of a Representative for this County, in the Room of Major HENRY HALL, deceased.

Saturday last, after the Prorogation of the Assembly, Col. ROBERT JENKINS HENRY (a Representative for Somerset County) was sworn in to be one of his Lordship's honourable Council of State.

Yesterday his Excellency the Governor granted his Commission to STEPHEN BORDLEY, Esq; appointing him Attorney-General of this Province, in the Room of HENRY DARNALL, Esq; who has resigned.

Sunday last Mr. GEORGE MAXWELL, Merchant, of Bristol-Town, was married in Dorchester County, to Miss ELIZABETH THIPPE, a well-accomplish'd, and very agreeable young Gentlewoman, with a handsome Fortune.

On Friday the 14th Instant one John Christopher, condemn'd at last Queen-Anne's County Assizes, for Burglary, was there executed, pursuant to his Sentence, and behaved obstinately.

The same Day a Negro Fellow named Jack, was executed in Kent County, who behaved punitively.

By his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the present Posture of Affairs, and the Situation of this Province, makes it exceedingly expedient and necessary that the Militia thereof should be regulated, carefully trained, and disciplined: I have thought fit, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, to issue this my Proclamation, requiring and commanding all Officers of the Militia within this Province, to have the several Regiments, Troops, or Companies, under their respective Commands, frequently mustered and exercised (once at least in every Month during the Summer), and to see that the Mens Arms are constantly kept in good Order, and fit for Service, that they may be prepared and ready to oppose any Invaders, and to defend this Part of his Majesty's Dominions, and their own Properties; and I do further direct and enjoin the several Military Officers, during the Time above mentioned, to put in Force, and take Care that the Militia Laws of this Province be strictly executed against such Persons as shall neglect their Duty, or disobey the lawful Commands of their respective Officers.

GIVEN at the City of Annapolis, the Twenty-fifth Day of May, in the Fifth Year of his Lordship's Dominion, Annoque Domini 1756. HORO. SHARPE.

The following is a Clause of the Act of Assembly lately made in this Province, entitled, An Act for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereout of Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same.

AND for the better Encouragement of Freemen of sufficient Ability of Body, and fit for Service, who shall voluntarily offer themselves, and be accepted, to garrison the Fort and Block-Houses aforesaid:

Be it Enacted, That the Sum of Twenty-two Shillings and Six-pence, or three Pieces of Eight, out of the Eleven Thousand Pounds aforesaid, be paid to every such Freeman, on his enlisting as aforesaid; and in Case sufficient Freemen, fit for the Service aforesaid, shall not offer themselves to be enlisted, to complete the Number of Two Hundred, including Officers, by the twentieth Day of June next, that then the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, shall, immediately after the said twentieth Day of June next, appoint and direct the Number of Men to be drafted out of each respective County of this Province, to make up the Number aforesaid, and forthwith shall direct the Colonels of the respective Counties, with the utmost Expedition, on, to call together their whole Militia, at such convenient Places within their said Counties as the said Colonels shall appoint, at the same Time acquainting them with the Number of Men to be drafted out of their respective Militia; and the Colonels, Majors, and Captains of each respective County, or the Majority of them, shall, out

of their Militia so met, immediately proceed and draft double the Number of Men allotted by the Governor to be drafted (being unmarried, and not Servants imported, or by Indenture, actually executed before the first Day of February last,) out of the Militia of such County as aforesaid, from which Number so drafted, the Number allotted as aforesaid shall be ballotted, and thereupon the several Persons so ballotted, shall be, by the Sheriff of the respective County, who is hereby strictly enjoined and required to be then present, safely conveyed at the Public Expence, without Delay, to the Sheriff of the next County, and so from Sheriff to Sheriff, till they are conveyed to the Place appointed for fixing the Fort aforesaid.

And be it Enacted, That every Officer aforesaid who shall not appear on the Day appointed as aforesaid, having Notice thereof, and give his Vote in drafting the Number of Men aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds Current Money; and every Sheriff, having Notice as aforesaid, who shall not be present to take Charge of the Men who shall be ballotted as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the like Sum, and every Person capable of bearing Arms, who shall not appear at the Days respectively to be appointed as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds like Money; all which Forfeitures shall be recovered, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record within this Province, wherein no Ejection, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed; one Half to the Informer, or him, or her that shall sue for the same, and the other Half to be applied as herein after directed; and every Colonel who shall neglect to give the several Officers and the Sheriff aforesaid Notice, within ten Days of the Day to be by him appointed as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay Twenty Pounds Current Money, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

THE Subscriber intending to wind up his Affairs as soon as possible, hereby gives Notice to all Persons indebted to him, by Bond, &c. to discharge the same immediately, or to secure the Payment in a short Time. He has several valuable Seats of Land, which, with his Houses and Lots in Annapolis, he is willing to sell. Any Person inclinable to purchase, may apply to him for the Terms of Sale.

CHARLES CARROLL.

To be SOLD by the Subscriber, at his House near Nottingham, in Prince-George's County, for Bills of Exchange, Sterling Cash, Current Money, or Tobacco,

A CHOICE Parcel of young SLAVES, chiefly Country born, consisting of Men, Women and Children. Also his Household Furniture, and Stock of Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, and Horses.

Any Person inclinable to purchase, may apply to Mr. Hancock Lee, at Nottingham, or Mr. Charles Grabame, at Lower-Marlborough.

WILLIAM POTTS.

Prince-George's County, May 24, 1756.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Ships ANNE-GALE, Capt. HAMILTON, from LONDON, and JUDITH, Capt. SEDGWICK, from GLASGOW, and to be Sold at the Subscriber's Store in QUEEN-ANNE-TOWN, at the most reasonable Rates, for Bills of Exchange, Current Money, or Tobacco,

A CHOICE Assortment of European and East-India GOODS.

WILLIAM HAMILTON.

THIS is to give Notice, That in December last, Richard Welsh, of Prince George's County, left this Province; but some Time before his Departure sold to me the Subscriber Two Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, being one Moiety of a Tract of Land called Welsh's Discovery, lying and being in Prince George's County, for and in Consideration of One Hundred Pounds Sterling, by me to the said Richard Welsh really and bona fide paid, and that the said Richard Welsh past his Bond to me to convey the said Land to me and my Heirs, but hath not yet conveyed the Land to me according to the Condition of his Bond: These are, therefore, to forewarn all Persons from purchasing the said Land of the said Richard Welsh, or giving him any Credit on Account of the said Land, I having bought and paid him for the same as aforesaid.

HENRY ONEAL WELSH.

CATHARINE JENNINGS, HAVING left off the Business of keeping PRIVATE LODGINGS, at the House where she formerly liv'd in Annapolis, having good Beds and Accommodation.

N. B. She has a BILLIARD-TABLE, almost new, to dispose of at a cheap Rate.

THE Subscriber having a good SLOOP, now lying in the Dock of Annapolis, Burthen about 49 Tons, is willing to take in Freight for New-York, Philadelphia, Carolina, or any Part of the Bay.

JOHN LAIDLER.

MARY BUTLER,

Living in ANNAPOLIS;

HAVING several good BLOCK-MAKERS, carries on that Business, at the SHOP of her late Husband Mr. Gamaliel Butler, deceased, by whom Persons may be supplied with all Sorts of BLOCKS for Ships, or other Vessels, made in the best and cheapest Manner, and with the greatest Expedition. She likewise makes and mends Pumps for Ships and Wells.

Elk-Ridge, May 24, 1756.

THE Subscribers give Notice, that they will expose to Sale at their Store on Elk-Ridge Landing, the 27th Instant, a choice, fresh and well-assorted Cargo of European and East-India GOODS; Green and Bohea Teas, Gunpowder, and other Articles, too tedious to be particularized here.

And that they will purchase, as usual, Corn, Wheat, Pork, Butter, Tallow, and Flax-Seed, at the Market-Prices.

N. B. Great Encouragement will be given to those who purchase with ready Cash. Also the Market-Price for any Parcel of Tobacco, according to Weight and Quality, by

CHAMIER and CARNAN.

FOUR PISTOLS REWARD.

RAN away from the Subscriber, from the Plantation late Vallerius Durbart's, deceased, near Wells's Mill, on the Conasauga Road, in Baltimore County, the two following Dutch Servant Men, viz.

Michael Ungra, a Labourer, about 5 Feet 7 Inches high, well set, wears his own Hair, speaks broken English, and is about 28 Years of Age. Had on when he went away, a good Felt Hat, good white Shirt, a brown Linsey Coat, Leather Breeches, and new Shoes.

Andreas Hubber, a Mason by Trade, a small thin Man, 5 Feet 5 Inches high, wears his own Hair, and speaks tolerable good English. Had on when he went away, an old Castor Hat, a blue Linsey Coat, Osnabrigs Shirt, Leather Breeches, and new Shoes.

Whoever will apprehend the said Runaways, and deliver them to Mr. John Carnan, in Baltimore-Town, shall be paid the above Reward, and reasonable Charges, and in Proportion for either of them.

D. CHAMIER, Administrator

to Vallerius Durbart.

N. B. Whoever harbours or secretes the above Servants, will be punish'd as the Law directs.

WHEREAS some ill-disposed Persons, taking Advantage of the Confusion in which Mr. Durbart's Family was thrown by his unexpected Death, did Steal from the Dwelling-House of the said Durbart, in Baltimore County, where John Metcalf lately lived, sundry Shoes and Stockings, Shirts, Sheets, Table Linen, &c. &c. and particularly a Pair of Horse Pistols, about ten Inches in the Barrel, German made, one of which was broken in the Stock, about an Inch from the Barrel: And whereas on Sunday Night the 23d Instant, the said Durbart's Dwelling-House was broke open, and a Parcel of Bacon, Cyder, and Cloathing, were Stolen thereout.

Whoever shall discover the Person or Persons, who stole the afore-mentioned Pistols, or the Person or Persons who broke open the said House, shall, on Conviction of the said Offenders, receive Six Pounds Current Money as a Reward, paid by D. CHAMIER.

THERE is at the Plantation of the Reverend Mr. Samuel Hunter, in Frederick County, near Frederick-Town, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Mare, with three white Feet, a Star and Snip, and branded on the near Thigh thus 3D (joined in one).

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of Michael Coats, in Prince-George's County, taken up as a Stray, an Iron-Grey Horse, about 13 Hands high, branded on the near Buttock with an M, and something like an S, and on the near Shoulder with MS, is about six Years old, and unbroke.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of Jeremiah Berry, near Upper-Marlborough, in Prince-George's County, taken up as a Stray, a young Horse, about four Years old, of a dark Chestnut Colour, with a roan Main and Tail, about 13 Hands high, branded on the near Shoulder W.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.